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Dept. of Defense briefer on the pictures of Soviet/Cuban military activities in Nicaragua (see p. 22) was John T. Hughes, deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Hughes used blowups that reporters were later allowed to photograph. It was 20 years ago that Hughes aimed his pointer at aerial reconnaissance photos of Soviet missiles emplaced in Cuba, but only after a furious Washington hassle over release of the pictures by then Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, who wanted to only wave them before a Pentagon press conference (AW&ST Oct. 29, 1962, p. 21).